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EOUSA-2019-003968

08/05/2019

Subject: Communications USA Rothstein/Zuckerman Spaeder

Dear Mr. Stone,

Your request seeks records from one or more field offices, and may involve many voluminous records and/or requires consultation with another agency/component with a substantial interest in the subject-matter and therefore falls within “unusual circumstances” as set forth in the state. See 5 U.S.C.S § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). Accordingly, we are extending the time limit to respond to our request for ten additional days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i). In addition, this Office assigns incoming requests to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Each request is then handled on a first-in, first-out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Simple requests usually receive a response in approximately 30 business days, whereas complex requests necessarily take longer. At this time, your request has been assigned to the complex track.

Under FOIA and Department of Justice regulations you may be required to pay certain costs associated with processing your request, including, searching for, reviewing, and duplicating requested records. Consequently, you may potentially incur those costs, unless you have requested and been granted a waiver or reduction in fees. In most instances, the first 100 pages to duplicate and the first two hours to search for records responsive to your request, will be provided to you free of charge. If after making those allowances, we determine that the cost to process your request will amount to more than \$25.00, we will notify you in writing at a later date.<sup>1</sup> Requests that are specific, concrete and of limited scope (in time and/or subject matter)

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<sup>1</sup> Search and review fees by professional personnel are charged at \$40 per hour and duplication fees are assessed at five cents per page

generally enable us to respond to you more quickly and possibly assess less fees. To avoid delay and reduce any potential fees, we respectfully request that you modify and narrow the scope of your request (See attachment).

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number listed above for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation service they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 96012 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



Kevin Krebs  
Assistant Director

Attachment(s)

Form No. 001 - 8/16

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**THIS IS NOT A BILL. DO NOT SEND MONEY.**

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**CHOOSE ONE**

\_\_\_\_ I wish to modify my request in an attempt to obtain a quicker response and/or reduce fees as follows:

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\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am entitled to the first 100 pages and two hours of search time for free. Please do not search beyond two hours, nor duplicate beyond 100 pages.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to pay up to the following amount for duplication and search time: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that this payment is required even if no documents are located or released to me.** In the event that documents are located and released to me, I understand that I may be charged duplication fees in addition to search fees.

\_\_\_\_ I wish to withdraw my request.

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Signature

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Date

Please return to:

EOUSA  
FOIA/PA  
600 E Street, N.W., Room 7300  
Washington, DC 20530